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Many of the Federal highways are in areas that require winter road deicing. Because of the structure of budgets in many departments of transportation, "low bid" continues to be the way many states purchase deicing products. This type of purchasing does not take into account the fact that many high performance deicers are less corrosive and would extend the life of bridge decks and other Federal highway infrastructure. In many cases these products are also more effective melting agents and decrease accidents on public roads.

My suggestion is to please help State and local governments to take issues such as less corrosive deicers into consideration. I live in Utah where UDOT has just completed a 1.5 billion dollar reconstruction project of I-15. If UDOT would use a higher performing, less corrosive product, they could improve safety on public roads, decrease accidents and extend the life of the public infrastructure in a very cost-effective manner.

Thank you for your consideration,

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